

appropriation or that it was instead a substantive amendment to enabling legislation?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, the basis of my ruling was that I did not perceive in any extent at all that this was an appropriations amendment to an appropriations bill and I was just following the rules that stated an amendment to an amendment requires a simple majority. If it had been brought to the parliamentarian's attention and mine that if we had thought of it, it might have been considered to be an appropriations bill, which I don't even know that it is now, we might have given pause on that answer, but that was the basis of my ruling.

SENATOR WARNER: Would I be correct, Mr. President, to assume that any other future amendment to the committee amendment would be treated in a like fashion, that is a simple majority supporting an amendment to the committee amendment is all that is required?

PRESIDENT: I would so operate on this bill because I do not consider it primarily an appropriations bill. It will be considered as another matter and that appropriations, if needed, can be done supplementarily.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Well, Mr. President, based upon your response for this particular bill, and I do not withdraw my conclusion that the language that appears on 2109 has the words, "there is hereby appropriated from the general fund commencing July 1 through June 30th...July 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986", is, in fact, an appropriation. But notwithstanding that, under the circumstances that I understand your ruling, I will withdraw the objection to the Chair's ruling on the assumption that the other amendments that may appropriate money that are...or take money out will be treated in a like fashion as this amendment was. So I withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The Senator withdraws his motion to overrule the Chair. And now we are at the point where the DeCamp amendment has been declared passed by the simple majority. We have now other amendments to the committee amendment and, of course, members would know that it is in their right if they do wish to take action on the DeCamp amendment without the Chair knowing what is on the parliamentarian's desk, the Clerk's desk, that the present